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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-31, 33, 34, 36, 43, 48, 50 and 56-67 have been cancelled.

Claims 32, 35, 37, 40-42, 49, 51, 54, and 55 have been amended.

Claims 32, 35, 37-42, 44-47, 49, and 51 – 55 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-35, 40-49 and 54-61, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §102 and/or 103. The examiner has indicated that claims 36-39 and 50-53 include patentable subject matter. It appears that the examiner did not examine new claims 62-67 as they were not addressed in the outstanding office action.

Applicant has rewritten claim 32 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 36 (as well as the subject matter of intervening claims 33 and 34). As such it is respectfully submitted that claim 32 is now in allowable form. Claims 35, and 37-41 depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 32. As such it is respectfully submitted that claims 35, and 37-41 are also now in allowable form.

Applicant has rewritten claim 42 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 50 (as well as the subject matter of intervening claims 43 and 48). As such it is respectfully submitted that claim 42 is now in allowable form. Claims 44-47, 49, and 51-55 depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 42. As such it is respectfully submitted that claims 44-47, 49, and 51-55 are also now in allowable form.

The remaining claims (including new claims 62-67 which have not yet been examined) have been cancelled. As such, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully

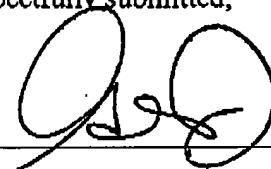
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requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

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